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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Takayuki NIUYA et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2823  
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Application No.: 09/658,193 ) Examiner: J. MALDONADO  
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Filed: September 8, 2000 )  
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR )  
PRODUCING SEMICONDUCTOR )  
DEVICE )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGE**

Subject to the approval of the Examiner, it is respectfully requested that Figs. 9A-9D in the above-captioned application be amended to include the term --Prior Art-- as indicated in "red" on the attached copy of the originally filed drawings.. The change was suggested by the Examiner in the Office Action of January 24, 2003.

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Upon approval of the proposed changes, Applicants respectfully request that the submission of revised drawings be deferred until after the Examiner issues a notice of allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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